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Many good things can be said of Japan and the Japanese, but nothing reflects more credit upon that people than the fact that profanity is a vice entirely unknown among them. In answer to an inquiry on this subject, the Ram's Horn gives this interesting information: "Very high and competent authority asserts that it is true. A writer in the Evangelist asserts there is in the Japanese language no word that is equivalent to an oath. Not only is there no native word in which profanity may take refuge, but there is no imported word. During the last 10 years, foreigners have added thousands of new words to the language, but not one profane word. In this respect, Japan is believed to stand alone among the nations."

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TO DEFEND THE USE OF ABSINTHE

Champions of the Deadly Drug Form Society in Paris.

Marvels will never cease! In spite of the general campaign against intemperance and the abuse of alcoholic drinks, especially absinthe, a company has actually issued a prospectus in glorification of the green liquor.

It is called "The General Union for the Defense of Absinthe," and its object is to found in Paris, as well as in the provinces and abroad, centers for the purpose of combating the propaganda carried on against intemperance in general, and the consumption of absinthe in particular.

A perusal of the prospectus leaves one wondering what madmen are these, but the cat is let out of the bag in the final clause, which refers to the "rational defense of absinthe and the interests it represents." The whole thing thus turns out to be a move on the part of manufacturers, who are seriously alarmed by the growth of the temperance movement.

Only Eleven Kinds.

"Speaking about the many kinds of climate to be found in California within a small area," said the Philadelphia man, "I had an instance of it a few months ago. I was visiting a friend on a fruit farm, and I went out one morning where he was at work on a shed and soon felt cold. He noticed me shiver and asked what was the matter."

"The air feels a bit winterish," I replied.

"Oh, I see. Better walk over to that tree."

"I walked over and found such a rise of temperature that I was mopping my brow inside of five minutes. He noticed it and said:

"I think I got stuck in buying this place. The seller warranted sixteen sorts of temperature within a mile of the house, but I can't make out only eleven."

STILL CLING TO ANCIENT WORKS

Singular Persistence of Raft Fence and Dugout Canoe.

One of the remarkable features of country life in America is the singular persistence of the raft fence and the dugout canoe. No matter how thickly settled a section may become or how long it may have been settled, these two survivors of early settlement linger on as stubbornly as ever. To-day, in the thickest settled part of New England and New York, the raft fence is met with, while the shad fishermen of the Potomac and James rivers and Chesapeake bay, on the banks of which the first English settlements in America were established, still manufacture and employ the old dugout canoe in making the rounds of the shad nets.

The dugout canoe is the simplest and most primitive water craft known, and was used by prehistoric man, both in this country, Europe and Asia. It is made out of a log of wood by trimming the outside down to the proper proportions of a boat, and by "digging out" the inside with an adze and by the aid of fire. The Potomac river dugout is to-day pretty much the same as it was in the days of Powhattan and differs from the general run of dugout canoes in the absence of a curved bow and stern, and in having rather high sides, which rise to a summit from either end of the boat, leaving highest in the middle, where the seat is placed.

French Criticism of Golf.

"But your game of golf! Oh, yes! I know him. You put on the tunic and red, so red as the Ingleshe rosbif underneath. You strap your sack of banded head sticks on the back of a boy twice as small as the bag."

"He scrape a mud pudding to make balance a little white ball. He make three bad tries to balance him, then very angry you call loud, 'Four.' Then you what you call address the ball, and my faith, your address sometimes is of language to make afraid."

"You strike, and the ball find himself in the bonkair. You call loud for the nibelungen stick, and beat the dust till your partner say, 'Ho! chuck it.' You say—but, my friend, I excuse myself to repeat what you say."

"Ah, my friend, you are a great nation, but your games—they give me what you call ze hump."

Gave Advice to Irving

Sir Henry Irving relates a western experience that happened to him during one of his earlier tours in this country. "I was playing Othello in the then Washington Territory, and my audience was composed for the most part of miners. When we came to the handkerchief scene, where Othello demands the handkerchief of Desdemona many times. I noticed that the audience was becoming exceedingly nervous. About the third time the demand for the handkerchief was repeated a large Irishman in the rear of the house shouted:

"Wipe your nose on your slave, you nigger, and let the play go on."

Astonished the Cashier.

A curious check was presented to the cashier of one of the Tonawanda banks recently. This check, which was for \$10, was made payable to "the sweetest of the sweet," and was presented to the cashier in the usual way. The cashier, naturally startled by the unusual expression of the body of the check, asked in innocence: "Who is the 'sweetest of the sweet'?" "I am," replied the lady. "Kindly endorse in that way," said the cashier. She did. And, as her husband's account warranted it, for, like a prudent man, he had not overdrawn it, "the sweetest of the sweet" received her money.



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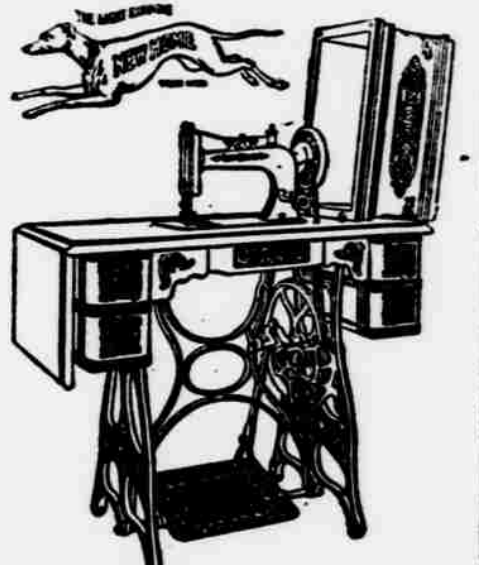
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ANIMALS DISLIKE A DRUNKARD

Low Horses and Dogs Regard Men Who Are Intoxicated.

"I've worked around animals more or less all my life until the trolleys hid away with horses," said the morman, "and I have noticed particularly the effect that a drunken man has on them. A horse hates a man with a jag worse than the devil hates holy water, but a dog seems to feel that a drunk isn't responsible for himself, and acts accordingly. A dog, no matter how fierce he is, will never bite a drunken man. He seems to know by instinct when a man is under the weather, and treats him much as he would treat a child. But with a horse it's different. A horse treats a drunken man with contempt—doesn't want to have anything to do with him. There used to be an old bum who 'oafed' around the car stables and who somehow or other always managed to keep loaded up to the nozzle. Some nights he would creep into a stall and go to sleep in the straw. The horses, when they finished the last run at night, would always be ready to drop in their stalls, but I never knew a horse that would sleep with a bum. Rather than lie down alongside him the horse would stand up all night."—Philadelphia Record.

MAKES A MISTAKE IN THE BILL

Shrewd Trick of a Tailor to Bring Slow-Paying Patrons Around.

"You've made a mistake in my bill," said a young man excitedly yesterday to the proprietor of a prominent tailoring house. "That can't be," asserted the tailor, mildly. "Oh, but it's so," exclaimed the youth in a hurry. "Look here! Ten dollars too much charged on this bill."

The proprietor compared the bill with his books. "You're right, Mr. Blank," he admitted. "I'll take \$10 off, and how much did you say you wanted to pay on account?"

The young man grew red, coughed, and finally produced a \$5 note.

"That works every time," confided the tailor to an interested bystander after the customer had departed, says the Philadelphia Record. "Nothing brings a man here in such a hurry as to overcharge him on his bill. When a customer gets a little backward and dodges the place I send him a bill overcharging him. He comes on a rush to have the mistake corrected, and a little diplomacy does the rest. Best of all, it doesn't hurt his feelings as would a visit from a collector."

Ante-Nuptial Agreement.

Mrs. Dubois, wife of the senator Idaho, is an enthusiast on the subject of child culture. Before her marriage she was a kindergarten, and she made child culture her life study.

"When we were married," she said recently to a friend, "the senator and I made only one ante-nuptial agreement."

"What was that?" asked the friend. "We agreed," said Mrs. Dubois, "that after we were married he should never talk politics to me and I should never talk child culture to him. And we have kept the agreement scrupulously ever since," she added impressively.

"You are an excellent couple to be able to keep such an agreement," was the comment.

"But we have kept it," said Mrs. Dubois; "that is, we have kept it to this extent—the senator never talks politics to me."

Her Gnawing Secret.

"Ah," said the gray-haired woman to those who had gathered about her bedside, "you little know the gnawing guilt that is racking my conscience."

"Why, grandmother," exclaimed the golden-haired girl at the foot of the bed, surely you can have nothing on your conscience!"

"Alas, yes!" declared the poor woman, burying her face in the hem-stitched counterpane.

Mutely they gazed at her until her sorrowing soul could no longer endure the silence. Then she wailed:

"Once when I was young—once—once, when I was a girl and going to college, I—I—I invented a college yell, and yelled it, too!"

Then a shudder passed through the frail form and she had sought that bourne, where, it is said, college yells are barred.

A Missing Adjective.

What Artemus Ward would have described as a high-handed outrage in Utica was perpetrated recently, the victim being a gentleman who prided himself on his grip of the English language. A treacherous friend induced him to undertake to name four adjectives ending in "dous."

"Why," began the expert cheerfully, "hazardous, stupendous, tremendous." At this point he stopped to think. He is still thinking. To the three certainly three more may be added—jeopardous, pteropodous, and nefandous—though the third is obsolete, as well as ugly and unnecessary. Some six more have been suggested, but they find inadequate support in the latest dictionaries.

Called for Judgment.

Col. John C. Haskell of Columbia, S. C., has on his place an old negro woman who cares for her brother's motherless pickaninny. One day the colonel, after experiences of several small losses which had been fastened on the children, said to her:

"Rachael, I think those children are getting dishonest."

"Well, Sah, dat's a fac'. I tell dere daddy he out'en let 'em steal. Children ain't got no judgment in stealin'. Wen dey do steal tings, jes as lakely dey'll tak' somethin' you'll miss!"—New York Times.

LORDLY AMBASSADORS AT PLAY

Tassian Beats a Tambourine and Frenchman a Drum.

A few days ago there took place in the Turkish capital a great "international bazaar," under the patronage of the German ambassador, in aid of the "Union des Amies de la Jeune Fille." The ladies of all the embassies assisted, and it was one of the most brilliant and successful meetings of the sort ever held in Constantinople. In spite of a heavy snowstorm that raged all day, the rooms were full, both in the afternoon and evening. The first receipt was a donation of £100 from the sultan, and money poured in from all directions, the total results being about £600, says the London Telegraph.

An amusing incident occurred in the evening. M. Zinovief, the Russian ambassador, having purchased a tambourine, began playing on it in the great Circassian way, upon which M. Constant, the French ambassador, discovered a drum and joined in. Unfortunately, contrary to usual expectations of Russo-French alliances, there was no harmony, and the duet only produced great mirth among the visitors. The other powers did not assist, so this grand opportunity of renewing the concert of Europe was lost.

OF GREAT BENEFIT TO HUSBANDRY

Good Work Accomplished by Department of Agriculture.

The department of agriculture was formerly a jest and a byword; its reports, sent by train loads to placate voters, were relegated to attic or thrown into the ash barrels. Seeds sent to those who never asked for them, as is fit for unsought gifts. Of late years this important department has been elevated to a cabinet position and its scope broadened.

In forestry it has atoned for the past; in horticulture it is now directing intelligent effort; in the single division of cotton culture it has developed an Egyptian staple of cotton which will thrive on American soil, furnishing a soft fiber suited for underwear and hosiery. In place of a cotton plant liable to attacks of a destructive insect it has hybridized a variety which is immune to such creatures—bad for the bugs, but better for the planters. This work reaches beyond the agricultural interests, and touches the affairs of the whole people and should be indorsed by the community and sustained by congress.

Learning in the Hub.

President Henry Smith Pritchett of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who responded to the toast "Science," at the Columbia alumni dinner, given on a recent evening at Sherry's, illustrated his subject with one incident that was very much appreciated.

"Science," he said, "is now a word to conjure with. In a Boston school the other day a teacher said to a small boy:

"Who won the battle of New Orleans?"

"Why, Jim Corbett, of course," was the answer.

"How did that happen?" asked the teacher, not placing Corbett's name and thinking to set the boy right.

"He won," was the prompt reply, "because he had more science than the other guy."—Boston Journal.

The Young King of Spain.

The king of Spain, whose coronation takes place soon, has of necessity been kept much aloof from the casual and impromptu wherein fun most does love to lurk; but fun he dearly loves like other lads. He and his sisters have learned to make the most of their simple opportunities of glimpses outside their daily routine. One of their excitements has been a visit to a convent (!) where the younger novices and nuns became great friends with the royal children. Among the sisters is a certain girl of English extraction on the mother's side—a singularly bright and pretty creature, speaking the most delightful English, which is a reason for encouraging the friendship which the younger princess, the Infanta Theresa, has conceived for her. Alfonso likes her immensely.

Embarrassing Generosity.

"The Australian federal government," says the London Chronicle, "recently wrote to Washington suggesting an interchange of official publications between the commonwealth and the republic. Mr. Barton and his colleagues have been somewhat staggered by the promptitude, the cordiality, and the completeness of the response. No less than sixty-eight closely packed cases of United States official literature were landed in Melbourne the other day and conveyed on custom-house drays to the parliamentary library. Ministers and officials surveyed this first installment with conflicting emotions, and wondered whether Brother Jonathan intended to have periodical fits of this embarrassing generosity."

One of Reed's Retorts.

"No matter what you may say," declared Representative Babcock of Wisconsin, to Chairman Payne of the ways and means committee, according to Leslie's Weekly, when they were discussing the Babcock proposition to put all steel products on the free list, "I am right, and I know it, and when a man is right he is in the majority." "Just so," replied Payne. "But you remember that Tom Reed used to say, 'God and one make a majority, but many a martyr has been burned at the stake while the votes were being counted.'"